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TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS

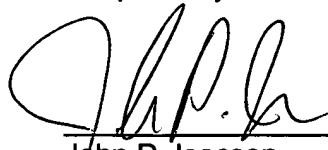
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ATTENTION: DRAWING REVIEW BRANCH

Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the formal drawings, Figures 1-11 (7 sheets), for the captioned application. The Official Draftsperson is respectfully requested to approve these drawings for entry into the application.

Respectfully submitted,



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